



October 22, 2018

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Dear (b) (6) :

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request number (GSA-2018-001298), submitted on June 8, 2018, in which you requested "[a]ccess to and copies of the following:

1. Any and all communications/documents authored or prepared by SCOTT RENDA to any employee or representative of the United States General Services Administration ("GSA") or from any employee or representative of GSA to SCOTT RENDA concerning or mentioning AMAZON WEB SERVICES and/or AWS from January 1, 2009 to the present. The terms "communications" and "documents" include reports, memoranda, emails, letters, faxes, notes or any other type of written communication or document.
2. Any and all communications/documents authored or prepared by SCOTT RENDA which mention AMAZON WEB SERVICES and/or AWS from January 1, 2009 to the present. The terms "communications" and "documents" include reports, memoranda, emails, letters, faxes, notes or any other type of written communication or document.
3. All other FOIA requests received by the GSA seeking documents and information pertaining to SCOTT RENDA, which mention or pertain to AMAZON WEB SERVICES and/or AWS, all other communications related to those requests, and all responsive materials provided by GSA to those requesters."

Enclosed please find the documents responsive to your request. In reference to Item #3 of your request, GSA did not receive any other FOIA requests pertaining to Scott Renda.

In processing your request we withheld the confidential/or proprietary financial information pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). The fourth statutory exemption permits an agency to withhold "matters that are trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or organization, that are privileged or confidential, if released, would result in competitive harm to the company."

In addition, please note that portions of the responsive records which reflect the agency's deliberative process, are considered pre-decisional in nature and/or attorney-client privileged communications, have been redacted pursuant to FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

Finally, GSA has withheld the names, email addresses and phone numbers of private individuals pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This was done because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraph(s) with the aforementioned FOIA exemptions, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have

the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld. You may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 120 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this FOIA request. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Travis Lewis, at 202-219-3078 or by email at travis.lewis@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

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Enclosures